

Members Present: Co-Chair, Justine Gengras, Co- Chair, Earl Bagley; Tom Hoopes, and David Lawrence

Others Present: Alice True

Members Absent: Roger Burgess, Stephan McMahon as Selectman's representative.

Call Meeting to Order:

Co-Chairman E. Bagley called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by, J. Gengras, to amend to include 1) Minimum Expedited Application for Scott Sampson, Map 73 Lot 44 to repair breakwater and repair docking structure, and 2) under Commissioner Reports: Town Forest. Seconded by T. Hoopes. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input:

Alice True, Alton resident, Roberts Cove Road, expressed concern to the Commission regarding a situation on her Lake Winnepesaukee waterfront property. This past weekend, on Saturday evening, she heard two large "booms" about 9pm. The following morning her waterfront was covered with a green substance and a large amount of deposited silt. It appears that the material was transported from an upland stream, which flows down slope from the swamp, then under the road near her house via a culvert and then crosses her property to the lake. Commissioners asked whether the swamp had beaver dams; had a dam breached or been destroyed? T. Hoopes and D. Lawrence volunteered to walk the brook to see if they could determine the cause/source of the "green substance" which may have been algae from the swamp.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from September 22, 2005 meeting.

E. Bagley moved to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by D. Lawrence. The motion passed with all in favor.

Planning Board Agenda Items:

Tom Hoopes stepped down from the meeting. Co-Chair E. Bagley asked for Commission input regarding Planning Board Cases #P05-71 and #P05-2, regarding a lot line adjustment and 2 lot subdivision. The Commission noted that the new lot resulting from the 2 lot subdivision has steep slope and a large amount of wetlands. The Commission concurred that it was impossible to determine visually if the new lot met the Town Zoning regulation regarding 25% steep slope and wetlands for lot size in the Rural District and suggested that the Planning Board have this checked by an engineer.

Tom Hoopes rejoined the meeting.

Presentations:

None at this time

Standard Dredge and Fill:

1. Town of Alton Map 18 & 15 Lots 19 & 28 – The Town of Alton is proposing to replace an existing damaged culvert.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and discussed the problems with the current culvert. The Commission found that proposed new culvert and new sediment controls will be an improvement over the current culvert, which is in need of repair.

Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by D. Lawrence to send standard letter of no objection to NH Wetlands Bureau, noting that the plans accurately depict the project area. The motion [assed by unanimous voice vote.

Notification of Routine Roadway and Railway Maintenance Activities

None at this time

Permit by Notification:

None at this time

Minimum Impact Expedited

1. Samuel Cavallaro Map 73 Lot 30 – Move existing ice cluster (damaged) 7' out from present location. Wetlands impact 3 sq. ft. Replace several rocks at the end of breakwater dogleg. Wetlands impact ~ 18 sq. ft.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application and found that the application meets NHDES rules.

Motion made by T. Hoopes and seconded by D. Lawrence to direct a Co-Chair to sign the application. The motion passed will all in favor.

2. Scott Sampson Map 73 Lot 44 – rebuild dock and repair breakwater.

Discussion:

The Commission reviewed the application to see if it met NHDES rules for the Expedited Application. The file for the previous dock permit was not available.

Moved by J. Gengras, 2nd by T. Hoopes to direct Co-Chair E. Bagley to check Commission files for the previous permit and to sign the application if the dock configuration in the application matches the previously permitted dock. The motion passed with all in favor.

Commissioner Reports:

1. Town Forest

Discussion:

Co-Chair J. Gengras reported that October 7, 2005, D. Lawrence and she inspected and photographed an area on the Town Forest where timber was recently cut without authorization. The Town Administrator was consulted. The Town Forester P. Farrell will inspect the location and assess the situation October 18, 2005.

Other Business:

1. Town Forest signage – signs ordered 10-5-05 in the amount of \$93.50.

Discussion:

Moved by T. Hoopes, 2nd by D. Lawrence to pay \$93.50 for “No Hunting” signs, which will be posted on the Town Forest in accordance with the Forest Management Plan. The motion passed with all in favor.

2. Letters for Easement Monitoring – letters mailed 10-5-05 J. Gengras.

Discussion:

D. Lawrence and T. Hoopes have completed monitoring Gilman Pond conservation land. As soon as weather permits, Parkhurst Easement will be monitored by J. Gengras and D. Lawrence. E. Bagley and J. Gengras will monitor Jackson/Barbarossa Easement .

3. Annual 2005 LCIP Monitoring reminder

Discussion:

The Commission noted that contact addresses on the LCIP monitoring forms need to be updated. They will be changed before sending the forms to the State.

4. Letter to Selectmen regarding Van Hertel's intent to cut.

Discussion:

Commissioner's discussed Van Hertel's intent to cut, which states 400 acres will be clear cut near Reed Road, a mountainous steep-sloped area. The Commission concerns included 1) what effect a clear cut of this size will have on the surface hydrology of the area, 2) how much erosion would result from clear cutting in a mountainous area, 3) if increased runoff would adversely affect Reed Road. E. Bagley noted that one clear cut location in Alton has experienced a severe mudslide during the recent heavy rain events. The Commission decided to postpone writing a letter to the Selectmen until after Co-Chair E. Bagley consulted the Town Attorney.

5. NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting Saturday, November 5th, from 8am to 3:30pm

Discussion:

The Commissioners were given registration forms and will turn them in at Town Hall by Monday, October 17th if they plan to attend.

Adjournment:

Motion made by T. Hoopes seconded by E. Bagley to adjourn at 9:05pm. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Justine Gengras
Secretary Pro Tem